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DPW Partners with School to Build Rain Garden

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Public Works teamed up with Norrisville Elementary school to build a rain garden. The Harford County Watershed Management started construction on the Norrisville Elementary Rain Garden on September 29, 2014. Workers hope to complete the project in five weeks.

Rain Gardens are constructed to remove pollutants from storm water runoff before they enter our local streams. Rain Gardens are built by digging a hole and filling it with layers of stone and organic soil topped with mulch and landscaped with native plants. It helps the storm water runoff from rain soak into the ground and to remove pollutants through filtering and biological processes.

The students will play a very important role in creating the rain garden by selecting and planting all of the native perennials. The Norrisville Rain Garden is located in front of the school near the entrance to the recreation center and library. It's partially funded through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund.

Norrisville Elementary School is located in the Deer Creek Watershed, which is a land area that drains into a creek, river, lake or estuary.

For more information on the Norrisville Elementary School Rain Garden, please contact Christine Buckley at 410-638-4109 ext. 1176 or check it out on facebook at www.facebook.com/norrisvilleraingarden.

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